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PROCUREMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ON

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

Minutes of Eighteenth Meeting, 16 April 1957

Members Present:

OACS/I - Mr. R. W. Bauer

ONI - Cdr. H. A. Dorr

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STATE - Mr. Leo J. Goodman

USIA - Mr. H. Roth Newpher

AFOIN - Maj. Harold Neuman

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1. Minutes of the seventeenth meeting were approved.
2. Discussion of OACS/I and ONI Working Papers.

The Chairman proposed that the compilation of specific examples of intelligence use of overt publications be combined with major aspects of the subject papers in presenting to field procurement officials an evaluation of procurement activities and suggestions for greater cooperation. Such a paper would be submitted to the parent NSCID-16 Committee for approval.

Members of the Subcommittee presented their various points of view. The OACS/I member indicated his preference for an SOP to the field, indicating requirements, use, etc. He said that his office was currently revising the SOP for Army field collectors, giving greater emphasis to publications procurement. The AFOIN member cautioned against expecting a high priority for publications procurement in the field, where other assignments usually are given higher priority. The ONI member favored an SOP for each member agency.

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The Chairman reiterated his point that a paper pointing up the value and importance to intelligence of overt publications would be important at field posts, from Chiefs of Mission down the line. The State Department paper on Examples of Uses to which Overt Literature has been put for Intelligence Purposes was passed around and discussed. The State member thought that an overall paper might be too lengthy and suggested consideration of a post by post approach. Moscow was suggested as the first post, and members were requested to bring to the next meeting examples illustrating the point under discussion, together with suggestions for improving the collection there. If this approach is feasible, consideration will be given to other posts in the Sino-Sovbloc area.

The Chairman also requested the OACS/I member to determine whether his SOP paper will be approved, and if agreed, distribute to members for comment and discussion.

3. Comment on Interrogation Guide.

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[] CIA/ORR, reported briefly on DRC interrogation program, with emphasis on publications information. The AFOIN member reported that basically the same personnel who do translations are also the interrogators in his service, and therefore are cognizant of the value of foreign publications information. The OACS/I member will check with Army interrogation personnel concerning this problem, and the Chairman will so do with CIA Contact Division prior to the next meeting.

4. The nineteenth meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21 May 1957, at 1030 hours in the OCR Conference Room, 350-26th St.

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